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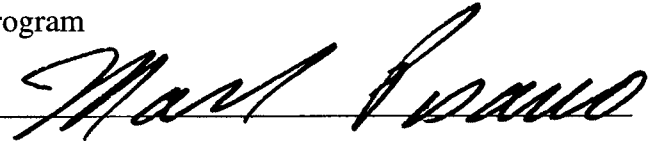
DATE: February 3, 2005

TO: The Regional Council
The Administration Committee

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SUBJECT: Southern California Consensus Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL



RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the expenditure of up to \$1,500 for printing costs for the Southern California Consensus Program document.

SUMMARY:

In conjunction with the upcoming Southern California Consensus Program visit to Washington, D.C. on February 16th and 17th, SCAG Government Affairs has created a leave-behind document for congressional members and administration officials. Because it will be used for lobbying purposes, the document must be printed with General Fund dollars. Funding is available for this project from the Regional Council Special Projects Line Item Budget.

BACKGROUND:

For the third consecutive year, a delegation of chairs and chief executive officers from SCAG region county transportation agencies, Metrolink, and Imperial County will join SCAG to present the Southern California Consensus Program to key members of Congress and the Administration. The February 16th-17th visit will inform congressional representatives and agency officials about the region's shared priorities for the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), which expires on May 31st.

To impart the delegation's message and as authorized by the adopted 2005 SCAG State and Federal Legislative Program, SCAG Government Affairs has created a leave-behind document to distribute to members and officials. Because the document will be used for lobbying purposes, it must be printed with General Fund dollars, not federal program funds. Consequently, Government Affairs recommends the approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,500 for printing costs for the Consensus Program document.

FISCAL IMPACT:

General Funds are available for the production of the Southern California Consensus Program document from the Regional Council Special Projects Line Item, as shown on the attached document. The fiscal impact is a \$1,500 reduction in the Special Projects balance.

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General Fund
RC Special Projects Line Item Budget
February 3, 2005

RC Special Projects	\$49,000
Transfer Funds to Travel for China Trip	(\$4,000)
Transfer Funds to RC General Assembly	(\$5,000)
Transfer Funds from Line of Credit Interest Costs	\$9,200
Return Funds from China Trip (Paid by FRA)	\$4,000
Remaining Budget	\$53,200
Co-Sponsorship of UCLA's Extension Public Policy Program 2004 Arrowhead Symposium	(\$8,000)
Co-Sponsorship of Rail-Volution Conference	(\$5,000)
Co-Sponsorship of So. California's Leadership Class XV Tuition, Luncheon, & Graduation	(\$12,500)
Sponsorship of 3 rd Annual Inland Empire Transportation & Logistics Summit	(\$500)
Legislative Drafting (Approved June 2004)	(\$7,000)
Tribal Summit	(\$200)
Peer Review Program (January – June 2005)	(\$2,500)
Sponsorship Clean Cities Conference & Expo	(\$2,500)
Production Costs for New Members Benefits Brochure	(\$3,500)
Sponsorship of 2005 California Federal Delegation Reception	(\$5,500)
January/ February China Trip	(\$3,000)
Logistics and Distribution Sponsorship	(\$350)
Printing for Consensus Program Document	(\$1,500)
Balance as of December 2, 2004	\$1,150